

CHAPTER NO.819

SENATE BILL NO. 3197

By Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3144

By Ulysses Jones

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203, relative to the authority of the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203(d), is hereby amended by adding the following new subpart (5):

(5) The commission is authorized to extend the hours of sale in the jurisdictions which have approved the sale of liquor by the drink by referendum. Upon petition by any licensee or group of licensees under this chapter, the commission may, after conducting a rule-making hearing pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, adopt rules expanding the hours during which it is legal to sell or give away alcoholic beverages, malt beverages and wine, pursuant to this chapter. The commission is hereby directed to consider such factors as the hours of sales in contiguous states and the need to compete with jurisdictions elsewhere in the country for convention and tourism business. The governing body of any municipality or metropolitan government which has approved liquor by the drink by referendum may, at any time, opt out of any extension of hours adopted under this section by passage of a resolution. Further, any municipality or metropolitan government that has opted out may, at a later date, opt in by passage of a resolution.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203(d), is further amended by adding the phrase "Except as provided in subpart (5)," at the beginning of the text of subparts (1), (2), (3), and (4) and by changing the capital letter on the first word in each subpart to a small letter.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 17, 2000


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2000


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR